

IN THE CLAIMS

1-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) An information processing method in an information processing apparatus connected to a service provider device and a terminal device, comprising the steps of:

storing personal information of a user using the terminal device;

receiving a request to perform a transaction with ~~said~~ the service provider device from ~~said~~ the terminal device;

identifying ~~reading~~ a manner in which the ~~of using~~ personal information will be used by ~~said~~ the service provider device;

~~reading~~ identifying one or more items requested by the service provider device from ~~said~~ the stored personal information; ~~and~~

sending ~~said~~ the manner ~~and~~ or ~~said~~ the one or more items requested by said service provider device to said terminal device; and

displaying to the user, on the terminal device, the manner or the one or more items being requested.

18. (Currently Amended) The information processing method of claim 17, wherein ~~said~~ the manner requires that ~~said~~ the personal information is to be used only by the service provider device.

19. (Currently Amended) The information processing method of claim 17, wherein ~~said~~ the personal information is to be provided by the service provider to another service provider for use.

20. (Currently Amended) The information processing method of claim 17, wherein ~~said~~ the terminal device comprises a wireless device comprising one of a personal digital assistant, a mobile telephone, a personal handyphone, a pager, a laptop computer and a handheld information processing device.

21. (Currently Amended) The information processing method of claim 17, wherein ~~said~~ the personal information comprises one or more of a user payment information, a user home address, a user e-mail address, a user telephone number, a user date of birth, a user age, a user gender, a user occupation, a user password, and a user ID.

22. (Currently Amended) The information processing method of claim 17, wherein ~~said~~ the step of ~~sending~~ displaying further includes displaying ~~sends~~ a button for determining whether to provide ~~providing~~ ~~said~~ the one or more items to ~~said~~ the service provider device or not.

23. (Currently Amended) The information processing method of claim 22, wherein ~~said~~ the button includes a positive(yes) button of provision of personal information and a negative(no) button of prohibition of personal information.

24. (Currently Amended) The information processing method of claim 17, further comprising retrieving a reply from ~~said~~ the user.

25. (Currently Amended) The information processing method of claim 24, further comprising processing said transaction on the basis of ~~said~~ the reply from ~~said~~ the user.

26. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus connected to a service provider device and a terminal device, comprising:

means for storing personal information of a user using the terminald evice;

means for receiving a request to perform a transaction with ~~said~~ the service provider device from ~~said~~ the terminal device;

means for ~~reading~~ identifying a manner in which the ~~of using~~ personal information will be used by ~~said~~ the service provider device;

means for ~~reading~~ identifying one or more items requested by the service provider device from ~~said~~ the stored personal information; ~~and~~

means for sending ~~said~~ the manner ~~and or~~ ~~said~~ the one or more items requested by ~~said~~ the service provider device to the terminal device; and

means for displaying to the user, on the terminal device, the manner or the one or more items being requested.

27. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus of claim 26, wherein ~~said~~ the manner requires that ~~said~~ the personal information is to be used only by the service provider device.

28. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus of claim 26, wherein ~~said~~ the personal information is to be provided by the service provider to another service provider for use.

29. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus of claim 26, wherein ~~said~~ the terminal device comprises a wireless device comprising one of a personal digital assistant, a mobile telephone, a personal handyphone, a pager, a laptop computer and a handheld information processing device.

30. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus of claim 26, wherein ~~said~~ the personal information comprises one or more of a user payment information, a user home address, a user e-mail address, a user telephone number, a user date of birth, a user age, a user gender, a user occupation, a user password, and a user ID.

31. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus of claim 26, further comprising a button for determining whether to provide ~~said~~ the one or more items to ~~said~~ the service provider device.

32. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus of claim 31, wherein ~~said~~ the button comprises a positive button of provision of personal information and a negative button of prohibition of personal information.

33. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus of claim 26, further comprising means for retrieving a reply from ~~said~~ the user.

34. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus of claim 33, further comprising means for processing ~~said~~ the transaction on the basis of ~~said~~ the reply from said user.

35. (Currently Amended) A method of managing personal information of a user in an information processing apparatus connected to a service provider device and a terminal device through a network, comprising the steps of:

transmitting a request to perform a transaction with a the service provider from ~~said~~ the terminal device;

extracting a manner and one or more items of personal information of ~~said~~ the user corresponding to ~~said~~ the service provider, wherein ~~said~~ the manner is how to use personal information; ~~and~~

sending ~~said~~ the manner ~~and~~ or one or more items of personal information to said user requesting to perform ~~said~~ the transaction; and

displaying the manner or one or more items of personal information to the user.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 35, further receiving a confirmation reply from ~~said~~ the user.

37. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 36, further performing ~~said~~ the transaction on the basis of ~~said~~ the confirmation reply from ~~said~~ the user.

38. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 35, wherein ~~said~~ the confirmation reply is selected by ~~said~~ the user, from a Yes button and a No button.

39. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 35, wherein ~~said~~ the terminal device comprises a wireless device comprising one of a personal digital assistant, a mobile telephone, a personal handyphone, a pager, a laptop computer and a handheld information processing device.

40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 35, wherein ~~said~~ the personal information comprises one or more of a user payment information, a user home address, a user e-mail address, a user telephone number, a user date of birth, a user age, a user gender, a user occupation, a user password, and a user ID.

41. (Currently Amended) A managing personal information processing apparatus connected to a service provider device and a terminal device through a network comprising:

means for transmitting a request to perform a transaction with ~~a~~ the service provider from ~~said~~ the terminal device;

means for extracting a manner and one or more items of personal information of ~~said~~ the user corresponding to ~~said~~ the service provider, wherein ~~said~~ the manner is how to use personal information; ~~and~~

means for sending said manner and one or more items of personal information to said user requesting to perform said transaction; and

means for displaying the manner or one or more items of personal information to the user..

42. (Currently Amended) The managing personal information processing apparatus of claim 41, further comprising means for receiving a confirmation reply from ~~said~~ the user.

43. (Currently Amended) The managing personal information processing apparatus of claim 42, further comprising means for performing ~~said~~ the transaction on the basis of ~~said~~ the confirmation reply from ~~said~~ the user.

44. (Currently Amended) The managing personal information processing apparatus of claim 41, wherein ~~said~~ the confirmation reply is selected by ~~said~~ the user, from a Yes button and a No button.

45. (Currently Amended) The managing personal information processing apparatus of claim 41, wherein ~~said~~ the terminal device comprises a wireless device comprising one of a personal digital assistant, a mobile telephone, a personal handyphone, a pager, a laptop computer and a handheld information processing device.

46. (Currently Amended) The managing personal information processing apparatus of claim 41, wherein ~~said~~ the personal information comprises one or more of a user payment information, a user home address, a user e-mail address, a user telephone number, a user date of birth, a user age, a user gender, a user occupation, a user password, and a user ID.